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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MCAP XF
SUBJECT: WHEREABOUTS OF LIBYAN MIRAGES

1. FRENCH AMB GOERGY, WHO RETURNED TO TRIPOLI FROM ABROAD OCT 16, TELLS ME THAT HE MET WITH PRIMIN JALLUD OCT 17 AT 2 A.M. TO INQUIRE ABOUT THIS SUBJECT. JALLUD MAINTAINED FLATLY THAT ALL LARAF MIRAGES WERE IN LIBYA, THEN GAVE VARIOUS REASONS WHY THIS SHOULD BE SO. THEY INCLUDED ARGUMENT THAT SINCE EGYPT'S INVENTORY OF AIRCRAFT IS BASICALLY SOVIET SUPPLIED, PRESENCE OF

FRENCH-BUILT PLANES THERE WOULD ONLY BE A NUISANCE. GEORGE SAID HE MADE THE POINT THAT IF LIBYAN MIRAGES "VISITED ABROAD FOR A FEW DAYS" THAT WOULD BE NO PROBLEM, BUT THAT FRANCE WAS OPPOSED TO ANY TRANSFER.

2. DESPITE ABOVE, UNDERSTAND FROM ITALIAN EMB COUNSELOR THAT HE TOLD RECENTLY BY FRENCH EMB COUNSELOR FOR MILITARY AFFAIRS, THAT 40 (OF THE 80 SOME?) LIBYAN MIRAGES ARE "MISSING". IT NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS
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MEANS MISSING ONLY FROM UQBA BIN NAFI BASE NEAR

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TRIPOLI, OR MISSING FROM LIBYA. HAVE SOME DOUBT
WHETHER FRENCH COULD VERIFY THAT POINT, AND THEIR
ACCESS EVEN TO UQBA IS NOW SEVERELY LIMITED. BELIEVE
ONLY OTHER LIBYAN BASE WITH MORAL SERVICE EQUIPMENT
FOR MIRAGES IS NASSER AB Z EL ADEM. GEORGE REMARKED
TO ME THAT EVEN IF LIBYAN MIRAGES FLEW TO EGYPT
THEY WOULD HAVE TO RETURN TO NASSER AB FOR MAINTENANCE.

3. COMMENT: WE QUESTION THE ACCURACY AS WELL AS THE
CONSISTENCY OF SOME OF THE ABOVE INFO, BUT REPORT IT
BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT THE FRENCH ARE SAYING LOCALLY.
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